

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-383-E - ORDER NO. 97-143
FEBRUARY 21, 1997

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IN RE: Application of Duke Power Company for) ORDER
Approval to Issue Securities in Connection)
with a Business Combination Transaction)
with PanEnergy Corporation.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motions of the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate) for an extension of the pre-filing dates and for a continuance of the hearing in this Docket, involving the Application of Duke Power Company for approval to issue securities in connection with a business combination transaction with PanEnergy Corporation. We have received a response from Duke Power Company in opposition to the Motions.


It appears that, due to outstanding discovery requests, the Consumer Advocate desires an extension of the Commission-ordered pre-filing date. We hereby grant this request, and the Consumer Advocate shall have until February 28, 1997 to pre-file its testimony and exhibits, and serve the other parties in the case, consistent with Commission Regulations.

However, with regard to the request for a continuance of the hearing, we hereby hold this Motion in abeyance. It appears that

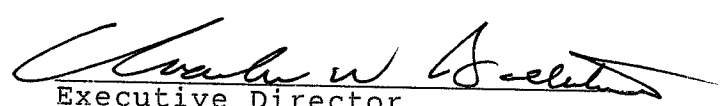
the Consumer Advocate is participating in on-going talks with Duke Power Company officials about the matters at issue, and that it is possible that the Consumer Advocate's issues may be partially or fully resolved by the time of the hearing. Therefore, we will not rule on the request for a continuance of the hearing at this time.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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